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SUBJECT: CALL ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG BY ZAMBIA'S MARK CHONA

1. SUMMARY: MARK CHONA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, AND AMBASSADOR KAMANA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAMBIA, PAID A VISIT TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG THIS AFTERNOON. THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED THIRTY MINUTES, WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND FRANK. CHONA EXPRESSED ZAMBIA'S CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA COULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON SOON. YOUNG ENCOURAGED SUCH A MEETING. IN DISCUSSING HIS VIEWS ON RHODESIA, CHONA INDICATED HIS HOPE THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA WOULD FUNCTION AS A RELIGIOUS FIGURE RATHER THAN A POLITICAL ONE AND USE HIS MORAL INFLUENCE TO UNIFY THE OTHER LEADERS WITH WHOM HE IS NOW VYING FOR POLITICAL POWER. CHONA FEARED HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN BECAUSE MUZOREWA'S RIGHT-HAND MEN ARE USING HIM TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES INPOWER. CHONA EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT IF MUZOREWA WERE EVENTUALLY TO BECOME HEAD OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA, HIS RIGHT-HAND MEN, WHO HAVE NO RESPECT FOR HIM, WOULD ELIMINATE HIM AND SEIZE POWER WITHIN THREE YEARS. END SUMMARY.

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2. MARK CHONA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, AND AMBASSADOR KAMANA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAMBIA, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG AT CHONA'S REQUEST APRIL 19. THIRTY-MINUTE MEETING WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND FRANK.

3. CHONA EXPRESSED ZAMBIA'S CONCERN OVER FIGHTING IN ZAIRE'S SHABA PROVINCE. HE INDICATED THAT ZAMBIA SEES FIGHTING AS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM FOR ZAIRE. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SITUATION HAD BEEN INTERNATIONALIZED AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR QUICK RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

4. IN DISCUSSING HIS VIEWS ON RHODESIA, CHONA INDICATED HIS HOPE THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA WOULD FUNCTION AS A RELIGIOUS FIGURE RATHER THAN A POLITICAL ONE AND USE HIS MORAL INFLUENCE TO UNIFY THE OTHER LEADERS WITH WHOM HE IS NOW VYING FOR POLITICAL POWER. CHONA FEARED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN BECAUSE MUZOREWA'S RIGHT-HAND MEN ARE USING HIM TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN POWER. CHONA EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT IF MUZOREWA WERE EVENTUALLY TO BECOME HEAD OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA, HIS RIGHT-HAND MEN, WHO HAVE NO RESPECT FOR HIM, WOULD ELIMINATE HIM AND SEIZE POWER WITHIN THREE YEARS.

5. CHONA FURTHER STATED THAT ZAMBIA WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH ASSESSING THE PRESENT LEVELS OF POPULARITY OF THE VARIOUS NATIONALIST LEADERS IN RHODESIA. ZAMBIA IS SIMPLY INTERESTED IN ENDING THE SMITH REGIME AND ESTABLISHING FREE ELECTIONS. WHEN THAT HAPPENS THE PEOPLE CAN DECIDE WHO IS MOST POPULAR.

6. CHONA EXPRESSED PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON. YOUNG THOUGHT A WHITE HOUSE VISIT MAY ALREADY BE SCHEDULED. HE SAID PRESIDENT CARTER IS ANXIOUS TO DO AWAY WITH THE FORMALITY
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OF OFFICIAL STATE VISITS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A WORKING LUNCH OR DINNER FOR THE TWO PRESIDENTS. CHONA SAID THAT A MEETING OF 30-45 MINUTES WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE BUT THAT A WORKING LUNCH OR DINNER WOULD BE FINE.

7. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID THAT HE WANTS VERY MUCH TO HAVE THE TWO PRESIDENTS MEET AND THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON INITIATIVES FOR SUCH A MEETING. YOUNG EXPLAINED THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IS ASSUMING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH AFRICA AND SUGGESTED THAT KAUNDA MEET MONDALE AS WELL AS PRESIDENT CARTER, AND SECRETARY VANCE.

8. BEFORE LEAVING, CHONA HOPED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT ZAMBIA IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.
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